

REMARKS

All of Claims 1-22 were rejected as being obvious in the above-identified Office Action. In response all of the independent claims have been amended to stress the distinctions between Applicant's invention and the cited references. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the claims are now allowable.

The amended claims are all directed to the filling-out of a form, wherein a character string is used to indicate a format of data to be overlaid. That is, a number of the characters included in the character string defines a number of a characters in data to be overlaid, and a kind of the characters included in the character string defines a kind of the characters in data to be overlaid.

In the cited Hitchcock patent, however, a character string (SS_NUM) is set for each of the fields attribute information, but the character string indicates a name of the field. A format of data to be overlaid ("INPUT TYPE", "SIZE" etc..) is defined in addition to the character string. Accordingly, the cited Hitchcock patent fails to disclose the above characterized features of the present invention as now claimed.

For these various reasons it is believed that all of the claims as now presented are allowable, wherefor the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

CONCLUSION

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Respectfully submitted,

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